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THUS SAITH THE LORD

"It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." *Luke 17:2.*

"It is not the intention of the liquor and beer barons that any of your little boys and girls shall escape them. They want to make drinkers of everyone. Fifty years ago, John B. Goff said, 'You can no more operate a saloon without boys and girls than you can run a sawmill without logs'." — *Ill. Tem. League News*

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"Alcohol does nothing but harm." — Tolstoi.

IS IT AN UNKINDNESS?

Men are glad to learn where to invest money so as to receive dividends. It is considered a favor when a man lets his friend know about shares he has found sound and worthwhile.

How much is it worth to have part in teaching ten thousand boys and girls the facts that prove it is always "smarter NOT to drink"? Only by knowing can they decide wisely about beer, wine, whisky, etc. The alcohol-education program of the Temperance League of New Jersey is sure to pay off in the success and happy homes of hundreds.

One man invested $5.00 with us. But neighbors he named to me have invested $380.00, repeating their gifts the next year. They get satisfaction from using some of God's money in the fight against this evil which destroys.

Reader, why shouldn't some who know you learn about the chance to put dollars to work in this special Christian service, where it is so greatly needed? As superintendent of the League I take pride in telling them, when I know whom to see. Please help me to find and enlist more friends of this cause! Youth in the high schools today cannot wait for a later time to learn.

FIRE

Fire is not responsible for a burn one may suffer. A person is burned only when he mishandles himself or fire. A child learns not to expose himself to fire. He also can — and thousands do — learn to avoid damage, disadvantage, loss, and misery by keeping away from beverage alcohol.

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SUMMER IS PAST

All things are new! Church life and activities are starting up afresh, after going "apart to rest awhile". Drink's devastation has taken no vacation. The record is ever more sickening. The urgency of defensive action increases.

Youth, again, is gathered at school, being molded. Dare ministers and leaders of churches neglect what can be done through preventive education? The Temperance League of New Jersey, your faithful servant, is straining at the leash to go forward with increasing effectiveness. Last year we were warmly received in high schools, and commended as we left. To do more, we need your fuller cooperation. Won't you plan to give us opportunities to serve your people and to interest them? Keep us in mind for prayer and for a worthy share of your church finances.

FRANK E. VERSOY

On August 4th the Temperance League of New Jersey lost by death a valuable and faithful member of our Executive Committee in the person of Frank E. Versoy, of Newark. A lifelong resident of Newark, he was a member on the official board of the First Methodist Church. Our sympathies go to his sisters in their bereavement.

TWO WAYS 'MOST ANYONE CAN HELP

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"I believe that if strong drink could be wiped out of the earth tonight, humanity would wake in the morning with more than half its sins and sorrows gone." – *Hall Caine.*

FROM AN OPEN LETTER TO CHURCH MEMBERS WHO DRINK

"This letter, I never expected to write, has been prompted by conversations with hundreds of pastors and laymen. My conscience became uneasy when I realized that I had had unusual opportunities to know the alcohol problem at first hand, and I was doing very little to help solve it.

"Social drinking is rapidly increasing among church members in several denominations. To a man the pastors lament this fact. They say it is doing something to the church members who drink. It neutralizes their witness as Christians, or makes them complacent about the alcohol problem. They seem to take the position that the alcohol problem exists only when *"excessive"* drinking is practiced, and conclude that there would be no problem if moderation were practiced.

"If moderation were the cure, there would not be five million problem drinkers, including nearly four million alcoholics. These would like to drink moderately.

"The majority of drinking church members are unaware of the nature of alcohol. The active chemical in every alcoholic beverage is ethyl alcohol. A bottle of beer, a glass of wine, a shot of whisky contain approximately the same amounts of alcohol. This chemical is not digested, but goes directly from the stomach and intestines into the blood stream. Quickly pumped through the heart, it has a peculiar chemical reaction on brain tissue. No act of the will can prevent it from acting on the brain and other bodily organs. No human being can prevent himself from getting drunk, if enough alcohol gets into the blood. Neither can he prevent alcohol from taking the brakes off his judgment, first, and motor controls, next. It treats church members exactly like nonchurch members.

"The drinking church member greatly heartens the liquor interests. They know that he will not interfere too much with their business. He will write few letters to legislators, whom they are anxious to control. They can count on his taking a negative or a neutral attitude toward liquor legislation in general.

"I believe, and I know you believe, that every one of us church members has a witness to make for Christ. My concern is that our witness be from a clear brain and a pure heart".

Dr. Earl F. Zeigler,
Editor of TODAY
Presbyterian Board of Christian Ed.

ALCOHOL AND SEX BEHAVIOR

There is a relationship.

"Young people should know that the consumption of alcoholic beverages increases sexual promiscuity, illigitimate births, venereal disease, divorces, vice and crime in general, poverty, and mortality from many diseases; that it does these things because of its effect on the brain." — *N. M. Temperance League News.*

A district attorney says that of 30 cases in one year every offender had been drinking; and in nearly every case the girl involved was a minor who had been drinking.

ON THE CONSTRUCTIVE SIDE

I recently talked with a forty-year-old man who echoed my own long-standing conviction that something should be done to provide places and opportunities for wholesome recreation and sociability for people who prefer not to go into drinking places. Men and women are social by nature, and hunger for companionship. Because nicer circumstances are often unknown, they sometimes seek freedom from loneliness and boredom in an environment distasteful to them, a drinking place. In this way many acquire a taste for drink.

Where there are well appointed centers of sociability free from alcoholic beverages a nice class of people flock to them, and the business prospers. One wishes Christian business men would see this opportunity for sound investment and service. Why not a chain of such places across the nation?

THE FRENCH KNOW HOW TO DRINK

Did you ever hear that?

Read this from the Bulletin of the Alabama Temperance Alliance: "Not only is the Frenchman the world's heaviest consumer of alcohol, but 'moderate alcoholic intoxication' is the principal cause of his death, according to reports published by the French National Institute of Demographic Studies.

"It is not acute alcoholism that sends the Frenchman to his grave" says the Institute, "so much as the daily repeated absorption of wine, aperitifs and digestifs".

An Associated Press report from Paris states that alcoholism in France has tripled since 1945. During a debate on the public health, the National Assembly was told there were more than 1,000,000 alcoholics in the country. --- *LISTEN MAGAZINE*

HAVE YOU A FRIEND

who would appreciate this help? Clip this and hand it to him.

HOW TO DRINK INTELLIGENTLY

"First build a bar in your own home and be the only customer", the bishop said. "Then you have neither license nor protection to pay. Give your wife six dollars to buy the first quart of liquor -- remembering there should be at least 16 drinks in the quart.

"Buy the drinks from no one but your wife and pay at the rate a bar would charge. At the time the first quart is finished, she will have six dollars to put in the bank and six dollars to start business again.

"If you live ten years and continue to buy from her, you can then die of delirium tremens and she will have plenty to bury you, educate your children, marry a decent man and forget the misery you brought her."

"Light."

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"Wine displays every little spot on the soul in its utmost deformity." -- *Addison.*

"He who drinks is deliberately disqualifying himself for advancement".

-- *William H. Taft.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO TENNESSEE

upon the name of their new organization: UNITED TENNESSEE LEAGUE AGAINST BEVERAGE ALCOHOL. Why not? Who is in favor of temperate use of alcohol, anyway? Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, of the University of Ill. says: "It is sheer intellectual dishonesty to talk of drinking alcohol in moderation, when it is realized that it is a dangerous, habit-forming narcotic".

HEAR THIS

Judge Joseph T. Zottoli, before a U. S. Senate Committee said:

"Fundamental facts now well established by science concerning the use by mankind of alcoholic beverages, lead to the inevitable conclusion that our government must take active measures to prevent the physical and spiritual injury being inflicted on the unwary people of our country and their dependents, in addition to the tremendous economic loss being sustained by the law-abiding citizens.

"There is no truth in assertions to the effect that generally inebriates are predisposed, or subnormal, or so-called 'lame ducks'. The fact is that, if enough alcohol is ingested by any individual, it will degenerate him into the inebriate class."

WHO'LL STOP US?

The Liquor Traffic can't stop us. It is for New Jersey citizens and churches to determine whether or not the Temperance League shall be able to go forward and render its service to youth and the State. Our hope and our faith is that many hundreds will prove themselves alive to the menacing shadow the drink custom is throwing across the pathways of those we love; and will find a way to send *some* amount to help the League.

TRY THIS FOR SIZE

Convention preacher for American Baptists at Chicago was Dr. Fenwick T. Fowler, of Salt Lake City. He said, "In Salt Lake City ... when you see people drinking and smoking in public, you assume they are not Mormons. In other words, you claim your own by their inferior habits."